

U.S. Application No.: NEW
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attorney Docket: 3535.020

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in order to eliminate multiple dependent claims and claims improperly depending from multiple dependent claims, and to otherwise conform the claims to U.S. practice. Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter is added to the text.

The specification is amended to indicate that this application is a **national stage** of PCT/FR03/003434 filed November 20, 2003 and is based upon French Application No. 02/14616, filed November 22, 2002.

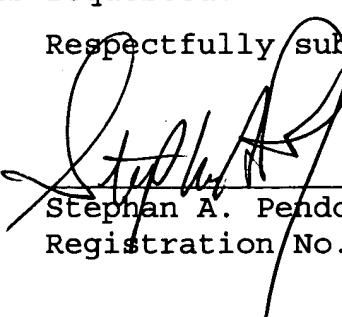
The abstract have been added.

Care has been taken to ensure that no new matter has been added to the application.

Favorable consideration and entry of the foregoing amendments prior to examination is requested.

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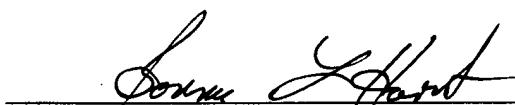
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Preliminary Amendment and a stamped receipt post card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated with sufficient postage and is addressed: ATTN: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-0877.



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